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Substantively Consolidated SIPA Liquidation of  
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC  
and the Chapter 7 Estate of Bernard L. Madoff*

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION  
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT  
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (CGM)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

**TRUSTEE'S APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING THE  
RETENTION OF BOWMAN AND BROOKE LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL**

Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee"), as trustee for the substantively consolidated liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, *et seq.* ("SIPA"), and the Chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff (together with BLMIS, the "Debtor"), by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby

submits this Application for authority to retain Bowman and Brooke LLP (“Bowman”) as special counsel and respectfully represents as follows:

**Jurisdiction**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application under SIPA section 78eee(b) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory predicates for the relief sought herein are section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA, sections 327(e), 328, 329 and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014.

**Background**

3. On December 11, 2008, the Securities and Exchange Commission filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Bernard L. Madoff and BLMIS, alleging that Madoff and BLMIS engaged in fraud through the investment advisory activities of BLMIS. *See United States v. Madoff*, No. 08 CV 10791 (S.D.N.Y. 2008).

4. On December 15, 2008, the Honorable Louis L. Stanton of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order pursuant to SIPA, which in pertinent part:

- a) appointed the Trustee for the liquidation of the business of BLMIS pursuant to section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA;
  - b) appointed Baker & Hostetler LLP as counsel to the Trustee pursuant to section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA; and
  - c) removed the case to this Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 78eee(b)(4) of SIPA.
5. Issues have arisen in the State of Arizona that require the Trustee’s representation by local counsel. The Trustee is litigating certain claims which require specific knowledge of

Arizona law. The Trustee believes the estate will best be served, and the Trustee will best be able to perform his duties, with the assistance of local counsel.

**Relief Requested**

6. Bowman is a nationally recognized law firm that serves clients in a range of industries. Mr. William Purnell, a partner at Bowman, is an experienced litigator with expertise in commercial litigation.

7. The services of Bowman and Mr. Purnell are necessary and essential to enable the Trustee to execute faithfully his duties in the SIPA liquidation proceeding. The Trustee, therefore, proposes to retain and employ Bowman as special counsel with regard to litigation and any similar matters as directed by the Trustee.

8. The Trustee submits that the retention of Bowman is permissible under section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA and is in the best interest of the Debtor's estate, customers, and creditors. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, and as set out in Mr. Purnell's declaration of disinterestedness annexed hereto as Exhibit A, the partners of Bowman are disinterested pursuant to section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA and do not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor's estate with respect to the appeal.

9. Bowman is willing to act on the Trustee's behalf to render the foregoing professional services and will be compensated at agreed upon rates, listed below, which reflect a reduction of its normal rates by at least ten percent (10%). Applications for compensation to Bowman will be filed with this Court pursuant to applicable statutes, rules, and orders of this Court. Bowman's rate information is as follows:

<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Standard Hourly Rates</b>	<b>Discounted Hourly Rates</b>
Partners	\$440.00	\$395.00
Associates	\$330.00	\$295.00
Paralegals	\$145.00	\$130.00

Bowman and Baker & Hostetler will coordinate so there will be no duplication of efforts.

10. SIPC has no objection to this Application and, pursuant to SIPA section 78eee(b)(3), SIPC specifies that the Trustee should be authorized to retain Bowman as special counsel in Arizona.

**Notice**

11. Notice of this Application will be provided by U.S. Mail or email to (i) all parties included in the Master Service List as defined in the Order Establishing Notice Procedures (ECF No. 4560); (ii) all parties that have filed a notice of appearance in this case; (iii) the SEC; (iv) the IRS; (v) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; and (vi) SIPC, pursuant to the Order Establishing Notice Procedures (ECF No. 4560). The Trustee submits that no other or further notice is required.

**WHEREFORE**, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, (a) granting this Application; (b) authorizing the Trustee to employ Bowman as special counsel in Arizona for the purposes described herein; and (c) granting the Trustee such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: October 1, 2021  
New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David J. Sheehan

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